

REMARKS

Claims 24 and 26 are currently pending in the application. Claim 26 is rejected. Claim 24 is allowed.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 101

Claim 26 is rejected under 35 USC 101 for being directed to non-statutory subject-matter.

In order to overcome the Examiner's objection, claim 26 is cancelled. The Examiner's sole objection is thereby believed to be overcome.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application now consists only of claim 24, which has been found by the Examiner to be allowable. An early Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sol Sheinbein', is written over the printed name.

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